

Improving Implementation of Policy Guidance for Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI)

On September 14, 2011, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a memorandum on improving implementation of FOCI policy. The memorandum is internal DoD guidance that directs actions by the heads of the Military Departments, Defense Agencies and other DoD Components.

The publicly releasable portions of the memorandum direct the Military Departments, Defense Agencies and DoD Components each to:

- Designate an individual with authority to provide coordinated positions on FOCI/NID matters
- Respond to DSS notification of need for NID within 30 days and provide one of the following:
 - NID
 - Proposed NID pending concurrence from ODNI, NSA or DOE for SCI, COMSEC or RD, respectively
 - Decision to deny the NID

The memorandum also requires DSS to submit to the USD(I) and the USD(AT&L) monthly reports identifying all pending NID requests more than 30 days old.